



THE FUTURE OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

*New strategic and operational plans will define our destiny
and direction as SJC prepares to enter its second century*

Here's to the Future

SJC Long Island students celebrate their graduation at the College's 96th annual commencement exercises on May 26. The Long Island ceremony was held at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, New York. SJC Brooklyn's ceremony was held three days earlier, May 23, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge.

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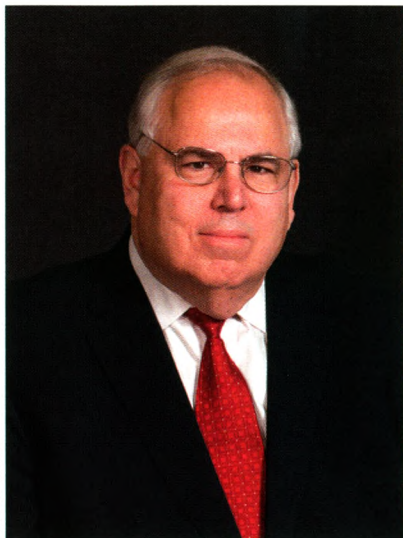


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A Message From
JACK P. CALARESO, Ph.D.
 PRESIDENT OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Michael Mascioce

Dear Alumni/ae and Friends:

This issue of the College's magazine coincides with the end of the 2014-15 academic year. As with all endings, there is much to celebrate, and some bittersweet memories.

Just a couple of months ago, we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2015. Commencement ceremonies in Brooklyn and Long Island vividly demonstrated both the quality and success of our students and the exceptional talent of our faculty and staff. It was wonderful to commemorate the completion of our students' undergraduate and graduate degrees, but it is always a bit sad to say goodbye.

Commencement also marked the completion of S. Loretta McGrann's extraordinary career at St. Joseph's College. In addition to celebrating her 37 years of service at events on both campuses, she was awarded an honorary degree and delivered this year's Commencement address. Her words provided our graduates and the entire SJC community with a powerful message

about our values and our responsibilities as members of this college family. She will be missed by all as she begins to enjoy her well-deserved retirement.

The end of the year also marked the completion of my first year as your president. It has been an exhilarating experience to get to know both campuses and communities and to meet so many alumni/ae, friends and benefactors. My wife, Rose, and I want to thank all of you for your gracious hospitality, your generous support and your abiding commitment to the College.

This past year has been one focused on setting the path for the College's future. There are two quotations that are important to understanding what we have been doing and why developing Strategic and Operational Plans is so important.

The first comes from Scripture: In the Book of Proverbs we find, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). I believe that having a vision ... focusing on vision ... engaging in the visioning process has been essential for the SJC community.

Visioning allows us to create our own tradition ... our own history. St. Joseph's College's history, tradition and mission serve as valuable backdrops to our future. They should be cherished, celebrated and revered. And we will do this over and over again as we commemorate the College's Centennial beginning in fall 2015.

But with the challenges facing all small, private colleges, we need to look to the future and chart our own path for growth and success. The strategic planning process that began last fall has been inclusive and transparent. The plan that evolved into our Operational Plan reflects the voices, the ideas, the vision

and the values of our students, alumni/ae, faculty and staff.

The second quotation is equally instructive. Often attributed to Lewis Carroll, it reads, "Any road will take you there if you don't know where you are going." As you will read in this issue of the magazine, we have determined where we want to go as a College, why we want to get there based on our tradition, values and preferred future, and how we are going to get there ... together!

St. Joseph's College has a bright future and is moving boldly and confidently into the future. With new initiatives like SJC Online, new programs like the B.S. in Nursing and new emphases on community partnerships, we have charted a road map that will lead to both growth and quality improvement.

The success at this extraordinary institution is due to the hard work of everyone, the dedication of our faculty and staff, but also the generosity of our friends and benefactors who financially support programs and scholarships. Thank you for all you have done for SJC. I hope that you will continue to be generous with your time, talent and treasure so that we can serve the needs of our students for generations to come.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the College, please feel free to contact me at any time at jcalareso@sjcny.edu or 718.940.5902.

Sincerely,

Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D.
 President

20th Annual High School Poster Session

SJC Brooklyn was pleased to host the 20th Research Poster Session for high school students on February 7. Sponsored jointly by SJC and the American Chemical Society's Chemical Education Committee of the New York Section, this annual event featured 100 poster presentations by 109 participants.

Students from nine area high schools took part, and the quality of their research was better than ever. First-place honors went to Syeda Hillary

of Midwood High School in Brooklyn, for her poster "Characterization of Leukemia Inhibitory Factor (LIF) Production, Secretion and Target Cells of LIF Within the Cancer Stem Cell (CSC) Niche"; and to Alaleh Azhir and Louis-Henri Merino of the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics for "Website Development for RNAi Screen Data Analysis Pipeline."

Michael Divgun of Midwood High School earned second place for

"The Effect of Polyoxometalate Ion Replacement on Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries," along with Olvis Hernandez from Union City (New Jersey) High School, for "Taste Masking of Fine Drug Composites Via Dry Coating." Ten other participants earned honorable mentions.

Adjunct professor Carlo Yuvienco, Ph.D., of SJC's Department of Physical Sciences delivered the keynote address on "Protein-based Inventions." ■

APD's Dion Arroyo Scholarship Celebrates 10 years



Ron Pacchiano/JPA Studio

Brookhaven councilmembers Kevin LaValle (left) and Neil Foley (right) present the Dion Arroyo Day proclamation to Dion's father, Lawrence Arroyo; his mother, Marilyn; and his sister, Brienne.

The Alpha Phi Delta (APD) National Fraternity and the Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association celebrated its 10th annual Dion Arroyo Scholarship Dinner on February 20 at Lombardi's on the Bay in Patchogue, New York. The scholarship was established by the brothers of what was then the Delta Psi Omega fraternity in memory of their late brother, Dion Lawrence Arroyo. A computer science major at SJC Long Island, Dion was killed

in a car accident on September 11, 2003, at age 20.

As a surprise to Dion's family, Town of Brookhaven councilmembers Kevin LaValle and Neil Foley attended the dinner and declared February 20, 2015, Dion Arroyo Day.

"It's hard to believe that this dinner has been going for 10 straight years, and even harder to believe that now we actually have a Dion Arroyo Day," said

Brienne Arroyo, Dion's sister. "We are grateful and appreciative of everyone who took part in it. It was an amazing night and an amazing surprise, and we are blessed to have these brothers and sisters of Dion in our lives."

"I was very excited to be part of this amazing event," said Jorge Romero '99, APD's Long Island Alumni Club president, and VP of the APD Epsilon Gamma Alumni Association. "Being able to bring some happiness to people after the loss of a brother is the greatest way to ensure his memory will always live on."

This year's event raised more than \$5,000 for the Dion Arroyo Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an SJC Long Island student majoring in mathematics or computer science and who is involved in community service.

This year's recipient was Matthew Wimpelberg '14, who earned a B.S. in Computer Information Technology and now works as a systems engineer at Millennium Partners in Manhattan.

Delta Psi Omega, St. Joseph's oldest Greek-life organization, became the Epsilon Gamma local chapter of the national fraternity Alpha Phi Delta in 2011. ■

Thomas Merton — Spiritual Explorer

By Jennifer Joniak '15



Robert Ellsberg

The seventh annual Dr. Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion spring lectures were held on March 9 at SJC Brooklyn and April 13 at SJC Long Island. Recent graduate Jennifer Joniak '15 shares her reflections on this year's presentation by publisher Robert Ellsberg.

One of the greatest challenges an individual can overcome is escaping the confines of his own self-imposed limitations. The late spiritual leader Thomas Merton lived a controversial life and was constantly trying to break free from the young, idealistic version of himself that society praised. His actions and writings during the span of his 53-year life have come to influence many individuals who are on their own spiritual journeys.

Robert Ellsberg, publisher, executive director and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books, served as this year's Dr. Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion. The subject of this year's seventh annual lecture was "Thomas Merton — Spiritual Explorer," in honor of the spiritual leader's centennial.

In his early years, Thomas Merton was a scandalous character who made many poor decisions. Ellsberg explained that this lifestyle brought Merton great

emptiness and led him onto a search for something more. He converted to Catholicism, which was the first step in his spiritual development.

A friend of Merton's encouraged him to strive for sainthood, the ultimate honor in the Catholic faith. This suggestion is what sent Merton on a search for his own understanding of what it meant "to be what God created him to be," Ellsberg said.

Merton was drawn to the lifestyle of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance, also referred to as the Trappists, whom he had read about in *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. They "sought to restore the austere discipline of early monasticism, with a greater emphasis on manual labor, regular prayer and a strict spirit of silence." When he joined in 1941, Ellsberg said that Merton went in thinking he would be able to leave the problems of the world behind and "be invisible."

The illusion that Merton would be able to disappear into solitude was shattered when his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, was released in 1948. "Merton was suddenly the most famous monk in America," Ellsberg said. The image of the man portrayed in those pages was how everyone came to view Merton.

Moving forward in his spiritual search, Merton changed his views of the world over time. He started to dissociate himself with the man who penned *The Seven Storey Mountain*. That man had believed the monastery to be a secluded space separate from the world's problems. Ellsberg said that "only with time did [Merton] realize that 'the monastery is not an escape from the world. On the contrary, by being in the monastery I take my true part in all the struggles and sufferings of the world.'"

This realization sparked what Ellsberg called "a crucial turning point

in [Merton's] evolution as a monk ... He came to see that the entire purpose of the monastic life, or any spiritual search for that matter, was to achieve this vision, this awakening from a dream of separateness to realize our underlying oneness, our unity in what he called 'a hidden wholeness.'"

The man undergoing this spiritual epiphany became quite controversial, according to Ellsberg, and was finally awakened to the happenings in the world around him. Merton started writing extensively about current issues, but his works were censored by his superiors, for they did not follow the silent example set by the Trappists.

These later writings by Merton were a great source of discord, and Ellsberg said that maintaining his vow of stability (the promise to remain in the monastery) was one of Merton's most difficult challenges. He had contemplated leaving the monastery, but eventually realized that was not a necessary course of action.

Merton wrote, "It does not much matter where you are, as long as you can be at peace about it and live your life." He was finally allowed to move, Ellsberg said, into "a simple hermitage on the monastery grounds, a situation that proved conducive to both prayer and creative work."

Once living an even more solitary life, Merton faced yet another challenge. He engaged in an illicit affair with a hospital nurse from Louisville, which forced him to choose what type of life he wanted to live. "What was at stake was not just the violation of his monastic vows," Ellsberg said, "but a kind of doubleness and lack of integrity."

Merton decided to honor his vow to the monastery because "he came to the conclusion that his vocation was not just for himself, but that it meant something to the rest of the world," Ellsberg said. "In effect, he returned to the idea that had first attracted him to the Abbey — that the monastery was in some sense the *axis*

mundi, that the monks were in some way, with their prayers and their faithfulness, keeping the world turning."

In 1966, Merton consigned himself to living the remainder of his life in solitude. However, in 1968, the abbot allowed him to travel to further explore Eastern spiritual customs, which enabled him to reflect on his life. After giving a talk about monastic values, Ellsberg said Merton "was found dead in his room, apparently electrocuted by the faulty wiring of a fan."

Ellsberg's conclusion about Merton explains his importance in the lives of the many he has influenced. "Merton, the spiritual explorer, traveled without maps, and created his path by walking it. In his own struggles to be faithful, he created possibilities for many others to live with greater compassion, courage and integrity in our frantic and imperiled century ... For those of us who struggle to see the road before us, he is a welcome companion." ■

The first-ever endowed chair at St. Joseph's College, the Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion was created in 2009 by Georgianna Clifford Khatib '52 and her husband, Dr. Reza Khatib, to promote interfaith dialogue. Each spring, the chair hosts a noted scholar who will lecture, lead faculty discussions and teach a course on both campuses via videoconference.

College Honors S. Loretta McGrann at 2015 Commencement



Robert Ansler

S. Loretta McGrann, C.S.J., Ph.D., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts and Humane Letters at the 2015 commencement exercises, held on May 23 for SJC Brooklyn and May 26 for SJC Long Island. In June, she stepped down after 10 years as provost, and will take a one-semester sabbatical before returning to the English department next spring as an instructor.

"S. Loretta has been a relentless advocate for quality curriculum, student success and assessment," said Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., president of St. Joseph's College. "A Sister of St. Joseph, S. Loretta has embodied the community's charism in her work

with those in greatest need and her advocacy for all people."

Appointed provost in 2005, S. Loretta has been a fixture at St. Joseph's since 1978. She is the former vice president for academic affairs and SJC Long Island academic dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

"S. Loretta was the right person at the right time in the ongoing development of SJC," said Academic Vice President Emerita S. Mary Florence Burns '46, C.S.J., Ph.D. ■



Read more about S. Loretta at magazine.sjcny.edu/loretta and check out our fall issue for a complete graduation recap.

A Conversation With Former U.S. Rep. Tim Bishop

By Brian Sutch



In March, St. Joseph's College announced that former United States Rep. Tim Bishop accepted the position of Distinguished Professor of Civic Engagement and Public Service at SJC Long Island. The Southampton, New York, native served six terms in the House of Representatives (2003-2015) for New York's 1st Congressional District.

In this new role, Bishop's duties will include the leadership of SJC's newly envisioned Center for Community Solutions, which will address issues of access to education, public health and wellness, housing and hospitality and livability across Long Island. In addition, he will organize and lead annual conferences at the College, guest lecture in select classes, offer talks and mentor SJC students.

Throughout the spring semester, he took part in a weekly series of public issues talks, joining with SJC faculty and his own former legislative aides to take questions from the SJC community and discuss topics such as public and higher education, social justice, immigration, veterans and military issues and the current state of politics in America.

As a distinguished professor, he will significantly enhance the College's regional and national visibility as it approaches its 2016 centennial. Bishop sat down with *SJCNY* shortly after his appointment to discuss his goals at St. Joseph's.

Your title will be distinguished professor of civic engagement and public service. What kind of role is that exactly?

"It's a multifaceted role, and at least for this semester I will not have a formal teaching schedule. ... I'm going to be guest-lecturing in classes. I'm going to be running a weekly seminar series. I hope to start working individually with students, either one on one or in small groups. I'm going to be working with Dr. [Christopher] Frost [executive dean] and with Dr. [Jack] Calareso [College president] on the development of this Center for Community Solutions, and I also have a college-awareness program that I want to start with middle school kids from the surrounding communities."

Tell us a little more about that program.

"When I was in Congress, several times I offered legislation that would have created a grant program for Title I schools to apply to, that would have allowed those schools to create a college-going environment. These are schools that do not have a high college participation rate. Of course, in the Congress that I was a member of, that kind of legislation goes nowhere. What I want to do is try to do it on a smaller scale.

"I want to identify 30 kids that are in middle school who, under normal circumstances, would not be considered

college bound. And I want to assign them to a St. Joseph's College student — individually, one on one — and that St. Joseph's College student would serve as the student's mentor/college counselor/tutor, and I want to bring them here to campus so they can see what it's like to be a college student. I want to raise money so that we can give them money to take SAT prep classes if they need that; they'll have money to visit colleges that they want to apply to.

"The whole goal is to take these middle schoolers who, under normal circumstances, would not be considered college material or college bound, and turn them into college students six to eight years later. That's the goal."

Why did you choose to come to St. Joseph's?

"I had been on a college campus for 29 years. When I went to the Congress [in 2003], one of my goals was that whenever I retired from the Congress, that I wanted to return to a college campus. That has always been in the back of my mind. President Calareso and Dean Frost came to see me in early- or mid-December, and they said they would like to have me become a part of the St. Joseph's College community, and that I should give some thought to how that would take shape. That was the beginning of a set of conversations that culminated in me being here, and I'm delighted — I'm absolutely delighted. I went to a small Catholic college [Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts], and then I worked for 29 years at a small college [he is a former provost of Southampton College], so I am very partial to small colleges, and I'm very partial to Catholic colleges, so I'm happy to be here."

What are the goals of the Center for Community Solutions?

"It's still taking shape, but it is a center that will, when it becomes fully formed, aspire to be a voice in terms of dealing with issues that are important to creating liveable communities. What do liveable communities consist of? They have strong education programs, they have ready access to affordable housing, they have access to health care — and good health care. There's good availability of jobs and job training. Those are all of the issues we will be looking at, and as I said, we will try to be a voice for pushing communities in the direction of the kinds of things that make strong, vibrant communities."

Are there any particular communities here on Long Island that you might look to as a model for what you're trying to achieve?

"The renaissance of downtown Patchogue is certainly an example of creating a vibrant community. That's just an example, but that's not to say that Patchogue doesn't have other issues. It will be a multifaceted approach to issues that will involve community experts, it will involve St. Joseph's College faculty, and it will involve the College reaching out to try to bring the expertise that exists here to bear in dealing with local problems."

You served in Congress for 12 years, and you've surely acquired a tremendous amount of knowledge in that time. What has been your biggest takeaway from your time in Congress that will aid you here, and that you can communicate to the St. Joseph's College community?

"I'm not sure I have a single takeaway, but I have several takeaways. One thing that I have developed an acute appreciation for is the value of fact-based decision making and fact-based opinion molding or position molding. Way too often, up to the highest levels of government, decisions are made in this country based on emotion, and based on incorrect information, and based on ideology, and based on a denial of fact and experience and reason.

"I have developed, as I said, a very pronounced appreciation for decisions and positions that are formulated based on a careful, objective assessment of fact and experience and observation ... that's going to be one of my themes. I'm interested in what people know, and I'm interested in how they know what they know, and where they get their facts from, and how they test what they think are facts against reality. Those are all things that I care about, and so I'm going to try to be somebody who is going to come at the issues of the day from the vantage point of fact and reality, and try to leave aside ideology and emotion.

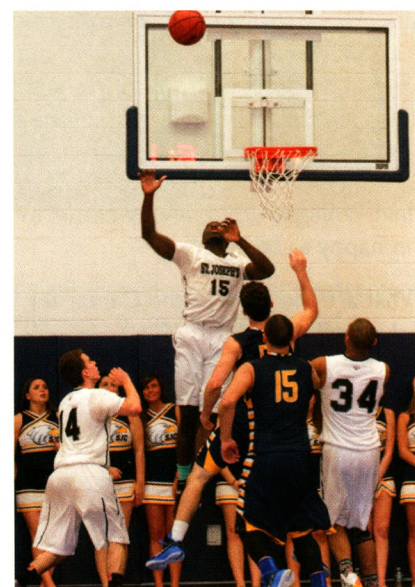
"The other thing that I came away with is the really powerful recognition that an individual can make a big difference. I was given a wonderful opportunity. I was put in a position where, because of my position and the access that gave me to the levers of power, I was able to use that access to help people, to materially impact people's lives. We called it constituent services, and we gave that an enormous priority in our office. It's the work that I'm the most proud of; it's the work that is the most impactful, I think, and the most honorable work that a member of Congress — that any elected official — can do. Take whatever access, whatever knowledge, whatever authority, whatever juice — whatever you want to call it — that an elected official has, and use it to actually help people and actually help change their lives. That can be done by one person working hard, not taking 'no' for an answer. I did it and my staff did it every single day."

What are your ambitions outside of St. Joseph's? Do you look at this as a retirement, or is this just a continuation of your career?

"I'm 64 years old. At some point I'm going to stop working, but I have a lot of energy and I think I have a lot to offer. I think I have a lot to offer to young people, particularly on a college campus. I think I understand what college students deal with and I also understand the bigger picture in terms of what they're preparing for. I don't know whether this is my last job, but I'm happy to have it and I want to make as impactful a contribution as I can for as long as I'm here, which I hope is a good long while." ■

The Hill Center Hosts Annual East vs. West Game

Michael Macioce



SJC Brooklyn's stunning new multipurpose athletic facility made a grand first impression on December 18 as the Bears took on SJC Long Island's men's and women's basketball teams in the annual East vs. West games.

In the earlier matchup, the Lady Bears defeated their Long Island counterparts, 69-58, on the strength

of Samantha Retas' 14 points and 17 rebounds. Jackie Zizzo led the Golden Eagles with 13 points.

Later, the men's Bears team bested the Golden Eagles in a closely fought contest, 69-66. SJC Long Island forward Sean McCarthy scored 23 points, while Brooklyn guard Vernon Maddox tallied 19 and forward David Louison earned

a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Located at 212 Vanderbilt Avenue, the 43,000-square-foot Hill Center features a 270-seat NCAA-regulation basketball/volleyball court, a fully equipped fitness center, locker rooms, an athletic training room and a multipurpose room for campus events. ■

News and Notes

Art

Sue Karnet had a collection of her acrylic paintings exhibited at the Bohemian Benevolent & Literary Association Gallery in Manhattan last April. Karnet recently received a Mellon Foundation grant from the Pratt Institute to continue her work and research.

Lisa N. Peters, Ph.D., is the author of a catalog on the portrait collection of New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, published by the hospital.

Biology

Michael J. Hanophy, Ph.D., and student Gabriella Ali '14 attended the 31st annual Northeastern Microbiologists: Physiology, Ecology and Taxonomy (NEMPET) conference in Blue Mountain Lake, New York. Ali presented a poster of the thesis work she did with Dr. Hanophy, titled "The Effects of Lysozyme and Nisin on Growth Inhibition and Biofilm Formation in *Bacillus cereus* and *Staphylococcus aureus*." Hanophy gave a presentation titled "Cordite, Rubber, and the Balfour Declaration: The Acetone-Butanol Fermentation."

Business Administration and Accounting

Charles Pendola, J.D., authored an article, "Let's Revisit Some Basic Business Assumptions," that was published in the June 25 issue of *Accounting Today*. This is the fourth consecutive year in which that magazine has published one of his articles.

Child Study

Edgar Daniels, D.A., has been selected by Harrison Middleton University as its Outstanding Graduate of 2015, and honored by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) in its Outstanding Graduate and Famous Alumni Program. Dr. Daniels was also inducted into the Delta Epsilon Tau Honor Society, whose members, according to

DEAC, "excel in distance education" and are recognized for "cultivating leadership, discipline and intellectual engagement among their peers within a distance-education environment."

Wendy Hope, Ph.D., presented on the topic "Practical Approaches for Teaching Critical Interculturalism and Cultural Literacy in a Global Context," at the New York University Faculty Resource Network Symposium, "The Global Imperative for Higher Education," held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Nov. 21-22.

Eric Shyman, Ed.D., had his second book published in December. *Besieged by Behavior Analysis for Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Case for Comprehensive Educational Approaches* was released by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, and has already received praise from a number of significant members of the autism community.

Communication Studies

Yingfan Zhang, Ph.D., presented at the National Conference of Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association on April 2 in New Orleans. Her presentation was titled "The Late 19th-Century American Populism and Contemporary Populism."

Education

Arthur F. Corvo, Ph.D., presented "Using the Next Generation Science Standards: Some Unexpected Findings" at the January 2015 Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) international conference in Portland, Oregon.

Criminal Justice

Associate Professor of Special Education **Joan E. Silver, Ed.D.**, and Professor of Criminal Justice **Barbara Morrell, Ph.D.**, presented a lecture at the 14th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education (IASE), held in Wroclaw, Poland, from June 21-25, 2015. Their presentation was



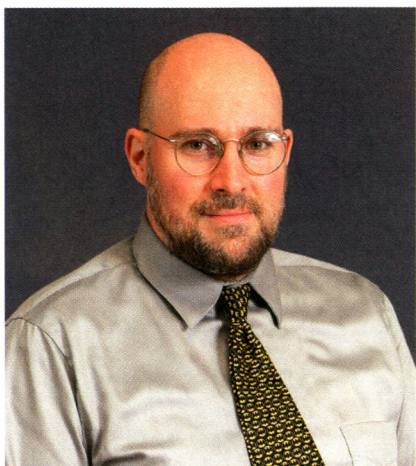
Charles Pendola, J.D.



Joan Silver, Ed.D.



Wendy Hope, Ph.D.



Marcello Ricciardi, Ph.D.



Lynn McGoey, Ph.D.



Stephen Rockwell, Ph.D.

titled "Help Wanted: Special Educators Needed for Advocating Juvenile Justice Policy for Students with Learning Disabilities."

English

Gregory Bruno will present two papers this summer: "Will Write for Work: Motivating Writers and Deconstructing the Stigma of Skill-Based Writing Pedagogies" at the College English Association Conference in Indianapolis, and "Confidence and Collaboration: Interdisciplinary Aptitudes in the First Year Writing Course" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Toronto.

Marcello Ricciardi, Ph.D., was moderator for the panel on Religion, Philosophy and Cosmic Horror in H.P. Lovecraft at the NecronomiCon Providence 2013 Conference. In addition, he presented a paper titled "Lovecraftian Milton: Prophetic Certainties, Romantic Rebellions, and Horrific Imaginings in the Weird Worlds of Milton and Lovecraft," which has been accepted for publication by Hippocampus Press. Ricciardi also recently delivered a paper called "Daring Voyagers: Milton and Lovecraft's Paradisal Dreamquests" at the third annual Popular Culture Conference at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, Vermont.

History

Phillip Dehne, Ph.D., presented two new papers on the First World War at conferences in November. The first, "Building an economic warfare ministry to last: The British Ministry of Blockade and the Department of Overseas Trade," was given at Les mises en guerre de l'État/The state goes to war colloquium from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 in France. Also, "Forging League Men at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference" was presented at The Legacy of World War I Conference, Nov. 14-15 at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.

Mathematics and Computer Science

David Seppala-Holtzman, Ph.D., recently submitted a paper for publication,

titled "I Don't Know Which Way the Bicycle Went: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Directional Ambiguity."

Physical Sciences

Ronald G. Pirich, Ph.D., has been elected a fellow of the International Society for Photonics and Optics (SPIE). The organization has elected only about 1,100 fellows since its founding in 1955, and has evolved to reflect the expanding field of optics and photonics.

Psychology

Peter Lin, Ph.D., recently published an article, "Mindfulness and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: A Clinical Convergence," in *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, one of the top three journals in the psychoanalytic literature. He also presented a poster, "Parallel Algorithms in Zen and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy," at the 2015 American Psychoanalytic Association National Meeting. Finally, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), sponsored the 2015 Interfaith Partnership Summit: One Voice, One Community, March 26-27, 2015. This was an invitation-only meeting where 40-50 faith leaders from diverse faith traditions gathered to participate in an interactive dialogue about their approaches and responses to addressing mental health and substance use/abuse issues in their community and culture. Lin was one of community leaders representing the Zen Buddhist tradition.

Lynn McGoey, Ph.D., and students presented "Chlorpyrifos Organophosphate Pesticide Exposure Induces Behavioral and Dopaminergic Changes in Rats" at the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia in March.

In October, **Darshanand Ramdass, Ph.D.**, presented "Examining the correlates of procrastination in a college population," at the 45th Northeastern Educational Research Association

(NERA) annual conference in Trumbull, Connecticut. He compiled the research with undergraduate psychology students Danielle Gesmondi and Taylor Buckley. In March, he presented "Gender and Class Level Differences on Procrastination and Self-regulatory Behaviors" with psychology students at the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia.

Dominique Treboux, Ph.D., delivered a number of presentations throughout the winter with psychology students and alumni, including "Validity of Mobile Apps as Measures of Physiological Stress" and "Predicting empathetic accuracy: Relationship with parents and socialization of altruistic behaviors" at the APA Division 8: Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference in California (Feb. 27-28); "Gender and Ethnicity differences in Empathy," "An Analysis of Spirituality

and Attachment in Young Adults" and "Chlorpyrifos Organophosphate Pesticide Exposure Induces Behavioral and Dopaminergic Changes in Rats" at the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia, (March 6-8); and "Relative loss and cohesion from natural disasters: Evidence from Hurricane Sandy" with **Kirk S. Lawrence, Ph.D.**, at the Eastern Sociological Society (February).

Dr. Treboux and **Teresa Tannazzo, Ph.D.**, served as judges in the Behavioral Sciences category of the LISEF Fair Feb. 9.

Social Sciences

William Bengston, Ph.D., was one of 30 people from North America and Europe selected by the Samueli Foundation to come to an invitation-only meeting in San Diego, California, last September to help fashion the future

of biofield research. He was also invited to Kuala Lumpur to address 500 Asian business leaders on his consciousness research and its application to business leadership, and gave the keynote address at a psychology conference in Toronto. In December, Dr. Bengston published the book *La curación energetica* with Sirio Publishers.

Mirella Landriscina, Ph.D., has been awarded a 2015 summer faculty grant for her project, "Housing markets as social constructions: A study of real estate agents working in Sunset Park, Brooklyn."

Stephen J. Rockwell, Ph.D., wrote the entry on "Government Size" for *American Governance*, a forthcoming reference work. He also contributed a book review to H-SHEAR, an online network sponsored by the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic and centered at Michigan State University. ■

TENURE/PROMOTION

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded either tenure or promotion. These new statuses will become effective in September 2015.

TENURE

Margaret Eckert-Norton, Ph.D.,
Nursing

Jeonghee Kang, Ph.D.,
Physical Sciences

Dawn Lee, Art

Susan Nakley, Ph.D., English

PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Anthony N. Corrao, Business

Lorraine Lubicich,
Recreation and Leisure Studies

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Sharon Didier, Ph.D.,
Organizational Management

Andrew Jacobs, Ph.D.,
Religious Studies

Philip J. Lombardo, Ph.D.,
Mathematics and Computer
Science

Amy M. Poland, Ph.D.,
Criminal Justice

Shawn L. Robertson, Ed.D.,
Child Study

Teresa Tannazzo, Ph.D., Psychology
William Trevino,
Communication Studies

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR

Antoinette Hertel, Ph.D.,
Modern Languages

Catherine Pearsall, Ph.D., Nursing

THE FUTURE OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

*New strategic and operational plans will define our destiny
and direction as SJC prepares to enter its second century*

By Brian Sutch



The 2015-2016 academic year is nearly upon us, and each passing day brings us one step closer to the centennial anniversary of St. Joseph's College, a milestone achievement for any institution, but one that resonates just a bit more for our community of learners, given SJC's humble beginnings as a college for women in Clinton Hill, New York.

In the 99 years since the Sisters of St. Joseph opened the doors of the college to 12 students on October 2, 1916, SJC has evolved immeasurably, even in the face of the cultural and social upheaval of the 20th and early 21st centuries. Its alumni have grown from the original 14 graduates of the Class of 1920 to more than 32,000 worldwide. What was once a tiny women's college in Brooklyn is now a nationally recognized educational institution, with 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students and two campuses separated by more than 50 miles.

Our centennial is a time to remember and reflect upon the unqualified success St. Joseph's College has achieved across decades and generations, but we must turn our attention to what comes next as well. The close of one century is also the beginning of another, complete with its own set of hardships and challenges to be overcome. The uncertain terrain that lies ahead will be navigated not just by resolve and a steadfast dedication to the College's core values, but by a constant willingness to adapt to the ever-changing climate of higher education.

President Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., and the St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees have charted a course through the adoption of strategic and operational plans that will serve as our *raison d'être* in the months and years ahead. Completed in the fall of 2014, the strategic plan is a long-term guide that defines SJC's vision, values, goals and strategies that the College's leadership has set forth. It stands as the definitive road map against which all perceived progress will be measured.

If the strategic plan is the map that shows us where we are and where we want to go, the operational plan provides the directions that will lead us from Point A to Point B. Still in the developmental process as this article is written, the operational plan delineates the highest priorities of the College for the next 12-18 months. In some cases, these

simply reflect the critical outcomes laid out in the strategic plan. In other cases, similar areas or items of importance have been integrated to create a more comprehensive strategy. The operational plan also identifies performance objectives for the coming fiscal year, and which items must be funded in the coming year's budget.

What follows is a glimpse at the 2015-2016 operational plan, and the road to the future of St. Joseph's College.

A Vision of Excellence

The mission of St. Joseph's College is little changed from the ideals of its founders: to provide a strong academic and value-oriented education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, rooted in a liberal-arts tradition that supports provision for career preparation and enhancement. The vision statement that begins the operational plan expands on these notions to offer a deeper understanding of our aspirations going forward. It reads in part:

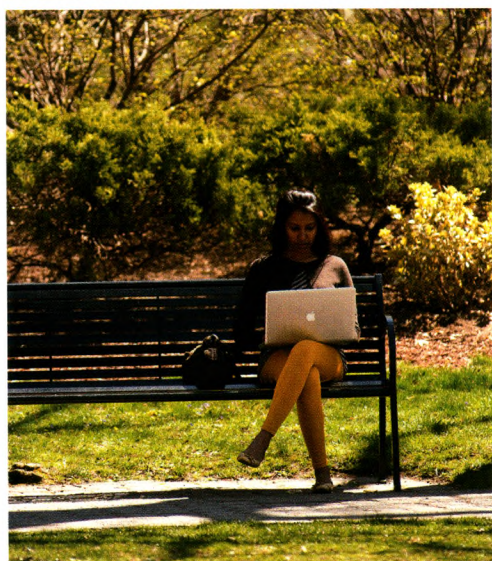
The College will be known for its nurturing and evolving approaches to teaching and learning, its commitment to excellence in academic and co-curricular programs; its inclusive community, focused on both individual development and service to society and all creation; its beautiful campuses and facilities; its outstanding faculty and staff; its attention to the emerging needs of local and global communities; and its reputation for distinction in ethical and values-centered higher education.

► **GOAL NO. 1: To strengthen and promote the College's commitment to its mission, vision and values**

Foremost among the steps that will be taken to achieve this goal, the College will soon be primarily identified not as the two-campus institution as which it has long been known, but as three distinct colleges: SJC Brooklyn, SJC Long Island and SJC Online. The administration and staff have been tasked with developing an organizational structure that will preserve St. Joseph's common mission, but centralize certain programs and services within separate campuses.

A newly established Office of Mission Effectiveness will educate the College community on the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Josephite tradition, and work with the faculty to integrate SJC's history and mission into the curriculum.

Additional strategies include developing and implementing programs and services that support diversity, global education, sustainability and community service.



GLOBAL OUTREACH

The expansion of our study abroad program offerings and Dr. Calareso's prioritization of study abroad grants are in line with Generation Study Abroad, a campaign by the Department of State affiliate the Institute of International Education to increase participation in these programs, including improved access for students and increased international collaboration.

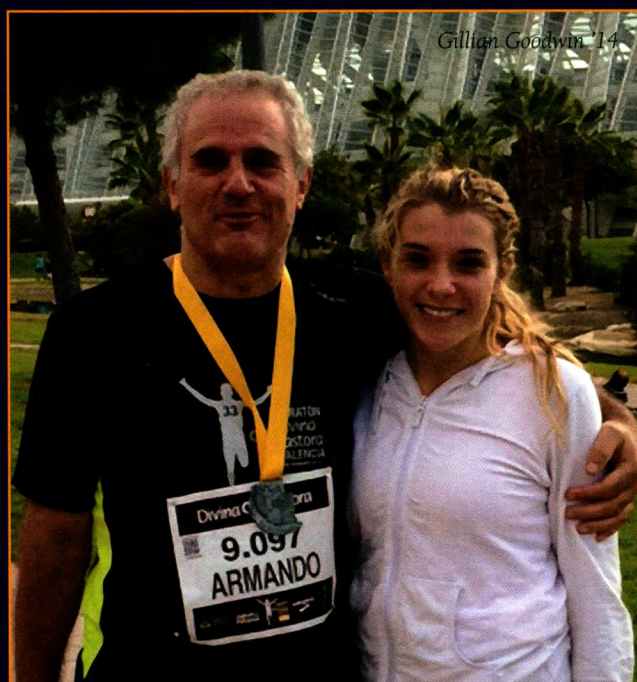
St. Joseph's College has increased access to study abroad by allowing students to use their scholarship toward tuition abroad, providing stipends for faculty-led programs and offering large freshman experience grants. As a result, our long-term program participation has increased dramatically. Its impact is demonstrated by the following SJC community results:

- **Endowing the Global Studies Fund** — SJC alumni, faculty and staff have raised enough money to fund the Global Studies Endowment, which will provide scholarships for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are in financial need.
- **Investing in our Global Community** — SJC community members have donated financial resources to the Nicaragua project's fruit trees and hand-washing stations fundraiser via the 2BSJC microphilanthropy program.
- **Launching Careers** — **Lauren Zirimis '15** went to Romania, and will return after graduation to work with the New Horizons Foundation, which emphasizes building post-Communist communities through civic projects and adventure education.
- **Promoting Civic Engagement** — **Melanie Grabow '15** and **Kristina Hernandez '16** represented St. Joseph's at the Global Youth Connect conference in New York City, which met with nonprofits and U.N. missions to discuss a different domestic/international issue each day. Hernandez founded the SJC Social Thinkers Club, which discusses current social issues. She recently started interning for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

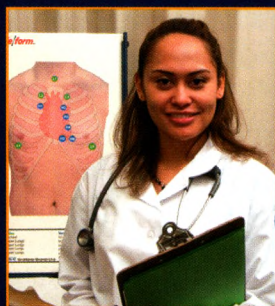
- **Connecting to the SJC Community** — The Nicaragua Club fundraises for and raises awareness about the community that it serves in Nicaragua. The Student Action group is collaborating with the Office of Global Studies to offer an international career fair, expand social media marketing and mentor prospective study abroad participants.

- **Pushing Mental and Physical Limits** — A number of students have hiked the El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, and **Gillian Goodwin '14** went from running a maximum of 5K before her trip, to running a full marathon in Valencia, Spain. **Francesca Barone '15** ran a half marathon in Queensland, Australia. **Kimberly Pfisterer '15** had her photographs featured by her Australian host institution, the University of Sunshine Coast.

- **Increasing post-graduation marketability** — Working abroad makes students competitive in the current job market, thanks to increased language proficiency and cross-cultural skills. **Rebecca Mincieli '15** spent a year in Spain and a number of other countries, and was paid to blog for a study abroad company at [tumblr.com/tagged/rebecca-mincieli](https://www.tumblr.com/tagged/rebecca-mincieli). She graduated a semester early to accept a job offer with JetBlue.



NURSING PROGRAM



Registered nurses are in demand, with employment projected to increase by 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, a rate faster than average, according to the National Bureau of Labor Statistics. The B.S. in Nursing was designed to train SJC students for careers in this field.

"Preparing the next generation of nurses to be the future leaders of the health care industry is one of our greatest responsibilities," said **Florence Jerdan, Ph.D.**, associate professor and director of the Department of Nursing at SJC. "We are excited to introduce this new program that will provide students with all of the knowledge and essential tools to ensure they are successful in their careers."

The program will include the use of sophisticated patient simulation and skills labs to enhance student learning and provide opportunities to gain practice before their first clinical experience in the hospital setting by developing psychomotor skills, critical thinking skills and clinical reasoning essential to nursing practice.

For more information about the B.S. in Nursing, contact the Office of Admissions in Brooklyn at **718.940.5800**, or on Long Island at **631.687.4500**.

► GOAL NO. 2: To advance the College's reputation and standing as a leading center of higher learning serving all qualified students

The key component to the aforementioned three-college model is the establishment of our virtual campus, SJC Online. While St. Joseph's is no stranger to online learning, a dramatic increase in our current offerings is needed. SJC Online will launch this fall with 15 degree and certificate programs, with more added as the infrastructure and resources (faculty training, marketing and recruitment, retention and technical support) improve over time.

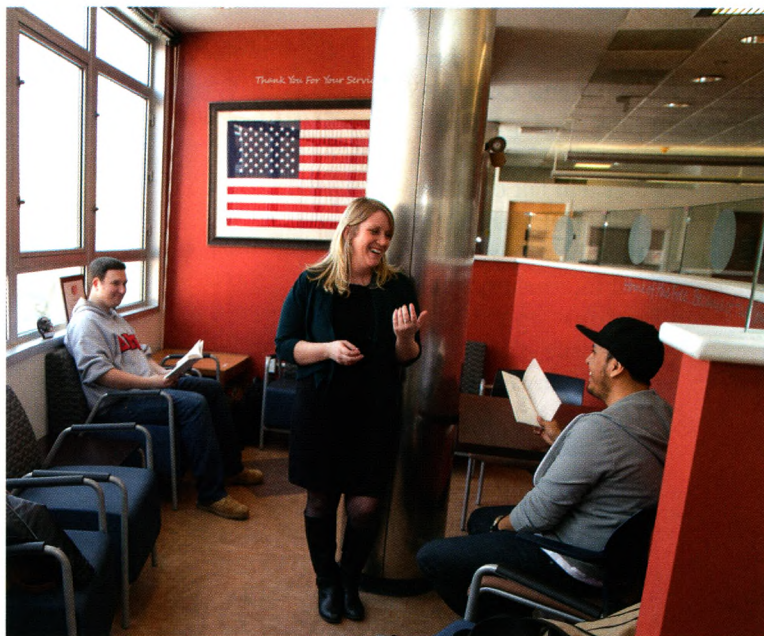
Of course, the new programs won't be limited to the Web. St. Joseph's has long been known as a top-notch teaching college, and that reputation has not faded, but a wealth of new and innovative degree programs have been added in recent years, including an M.F.A. in Creative Writing, a B.A. in Journalism and New Media Studies, a B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM), and the new B.S. in Nursing (launching this fall). The College leadership plans to identify and promote signature programs among our current slate, while also assessing all aspects of the existing curriculum, developing collegewide standards for grading and honors, implementing a student honor code, and increasing the quality and scope of co-curricular programs.

Another strategy that will be used to achieve this goal is the establishment of a coordinated Student Success Center, which would integrate all current programs and services aimed at supporting student achievement and retention. The center would provide specialized programs, such as orientation, career services and counseling/wellness services, for our transfer, nontraditional, graduate and military-connected students, as well as early-intervention and pre-collegiate/summer programs to better prepare at-risk students for success.

► **GOAL NO. 3: To increase the College's enrollment of students who are ready to be active members of our learning community**

Increasing enrollment is critical to the ongoing success of St. Joseph's College, and will require a concerted effort on the part of the entire staff, faculty and administration. The operational plan proposes four strategies to achieve this goal:

1. Develop data-driven and targeted enrollment plans, with specific goals for multiyear enrollment, retention and graduation rates.
2. Increase articulation agreements and partnerships with community colleges, high schools and corporations. One current example is the partnership between the HTM program and Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), through which SJC awards one \$11,000 Hospitality and Tourism Management Scholarship each year to a graduate of SCCC's Hotel and Resort Management program.
3. Increase programs and services for special populations, including veterans and military-connected students; first-generation, underrepresented and at-risk students (e.g., the Academic Center for English Language Studies and ESL), and senior citizens.
4. Provide increased opportunities for campus housing and residency programs.



► **GOAL NO. 4: To enhance public awareness, understanding and visibility of the College**

Developing and promoting a clear brand for the College and its three campuses will fall to the newly established Office of Marketing and Communications, which oversees and coordinates all internal and external communications, publications (including this issue of *SJCNY*), the College website (sjcny.edu) and the MySJC portal. The office will also develop and implement comprehensive marketing plans and strategies for regional and national media relations.

The new website, which was launched last September, continues to undergo revisions that will allow us to better facilitate the planned three-college model and best represent the unique aspects of St. Joseph's and its individual campuses.

The Office of Marketing and Communications will work closely with other offices and academic departments to increase the general awareness and understanding of the College, but all areas will have a hand in building upon the College's community engagement initiatives and partnerships, including developing corporate partnerships and support programs, and more actively promoting the campuses to the external community as sites for conferences, events and meetings.

Another major component of this goal is the development of a beautification plan for both campuses. SJC Long Island has already implemented big changes, with an anonymous \$1 million gift allocated to overhaul the entire quad area between O'Connor Hall and Callahan Library.



► **GOAL NO. 5: To secure the necessary resources to support the mission and goals of the College**

Seventy-five percent of St. Joseph's students receive some form of financial aid, so community support remains essential to ensuring those students' ability to pursue a first-rate education at an affordable price. But gifts to St. Joseph's support not only student scholarships, but also capital projects, such as the aforementioned beautification project at the SJC Long Island quad. Planned giving, in particular, is an important component of increasing the College's endowment and ensuring its ongoing financial stability.

Fundraising will be front and center as we move forward with the operational plan, and staff will be optimized to develop and implement plans for a centennial campaign, as well as increased alumni giving and engagement, planned gifts and annual fund donations. The College will also establish a grants office to increase federal, state and corporate support of SJC for years to come.

With new and improved revenue streams secured, the College will also develop plans for the maintenance and improvement of campus facilities. The Long Island Master Plan will be implemented, and the Brooklyn Master Plan will be updated to include capital improvements for available space. Resources will also be enhanced to recruit, support and retain College personnel through multiyear plans for compensation and benefits, a system of performance goals and merit increases, and more robust programs for professional development, mentoring and coaching.

OFFICE OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS



Formerly under the umbrella of the Office of Institutional Advancement, the offices of public relations and print and digital communications have merged to form the new Office of Marketing and Communications. Under the leadership of longtime public relations director turned vice president **Jessica McAleer Decatur**, the office

will centralize all internal and external communications — including all print publications, the College website, the portal, social media and advertising — under one roof. The office will also coordinate the use of data to support comprehensive marketing plans that will drive enrollment, student retention and fundraising efforts through our centennial and beyond.

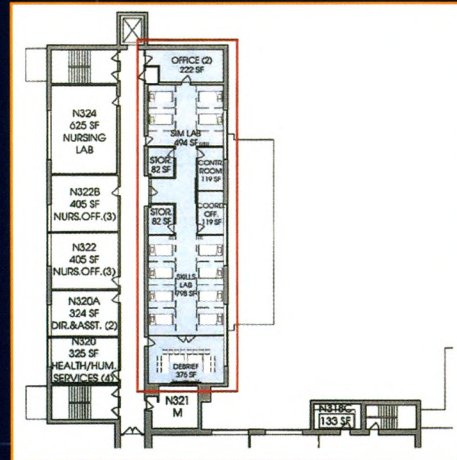
For more information on the services offered, visit sjcny.edu/marcomm.

LONG ISLAND MASTER PLAN

SJC Long Island comprises nearly 192,000 square feet of useable space, and the Master Plan aims to maximize the use of every one of them to create a more vibrant campus experience within our existing footprint. Created in collaboration with New York-based BRB Architects, the plan includes seven specific recommendations:

1. Create a **Nursing Center** by converting 2,400 square feet on the third floor of O'Connor Hall.
2. Create of a **Student Hospitality Center** by renovating 5,900 square feet on the second floor of O'Connor Hall.
3. Create a **Student Engagement Center** for tutoring, testing, advising and career counseling.
4. Create an **Admissions Hospitality Center** at the second-floor south lobby of O'Connor Hall.
5. Create a **Student Snack Bar** by converting existing space on the third floor of O'Connor Hall.
6. Decommission the four "portables" behind O'Connor Hall and increase the utilization rate for classrooms campuswide.
7. Identify a site for the potential addition of a **Student Center/Residence Hall**, most likely on the old athletic fields on the northeast corner of campus.

Pending ratification by the board of trustees, the College will develop projected cost estimates and a detailed implementation plan for these recommendations.



TURNING TRAG

Classmates come together to preserve the memory of Elsie Thevenin Jones '95

By Jennifer Joniak '15

One of the greatest gifts an institution of higher learning can receive is a donation from its alumni. The strength of a college's alumni network provides an invaluable resource to help support future students.

In the fall of 2014, Samantha Saines Ryan '06, former manager of reunion giving and donor stewardship, launched the official reunion giving program at St. Joseph's College. The program encourages anniversary classes to give to the College in celebration of their milestones, while also leaving an impression on the SJC community by uniting with



Elsie Thevenin Jones
1973-2012

their classmates to support a project or that fund they are passionate about.

While reaching out to alumni to find reunion committee chairs for SJC Brooklyn's various anniversary classes, Ryan received feedback from Regina Gueren Lombardi '95 about her former classmate and friend, Elsie Thevenin Jones '95. In late November 2012, newspaper headlines announced Jones' shocking death; she had been killed by her husband in an apparent murder-suicide. She was 39 years old.

To honor her memory, the Class of 1995 is raising money that will go to the SJC Brooklyn Beautification Fund.

Gifts across generations

At its 2015 Spring Reunion Weekend on April 17 and 18, St. Joseph's College celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Class of 1965, the Silver Jubilee of the Class of 1990 and 14 additional reunion classes from 1945 to 2010. Reunion giving is a unique way for these classes to show their appreciation to SJC by making a "stretch gift." Some alumni create scholarships in honor of their reunion. Here's how each of this year's anniversary classes decided to direct their efforts.

CLASS OF 1945: The Class of 1945 is attempting to raise at least \$7,000 by summer 2015. Individual donors can choose how to designate their gifts.

CLASS OF 1950: The Class of 1950's target was \$15,000 by summer 2015.

CLASS OF 1955: The Class of 1955 will donate the funds they collect to the College in honor of their deceased classmates.

CLASS OF 1960: The Class of 1960 has raised more than \$9,925, which will be designated for SJC Brooklyn scholarships.

CLASS OF 1965: The Golden Jubilee graduates of 1965 will designate their total class gift to the Class of 1965 Scholarship, to benefit a female student from the SJC Brooklyn who is in financial need.

CLASS OF 1970: The Class of 1970 has decided to designate their total class gift to the Class of 1970 Emergency Assistance Fund, to benefit a female undergraduate student from SJC Brooklyn who is met with an

unexpected financial crisis in her senior year. Their goal is to raise \$45,000 by summer 2015.

CLASS OF 1975: The Class of 1975 will direct the funds they raise to be used for SJC Brooklyn scholarships.

CLASS OF 1980: The Class of 1980 was more than halfway toward their goal of raising \$5,000 for the SJC Brooklyn beautification project.

CLASS OF 1985: The Class of 1985 was aiming for at least \$5,000 in contributions toward a variety of College initiatives.

CLASS OF 1990: The Silver Jubilee Class of 1990 will contribute the money they raise to the SJC Annual Fund.

CLASS OF 2000: The Class of 2000 is raising \$5,000 for the Jennifer Mazzotta Scholarship, created in honor of their late classmate Jennifer Lynn Mazzotta '00, who lost her life in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The 23-year-old had been working in the operations department for Cantor Fitzgerald, on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower. Jennifer's family described her as a quick learner, goal oriented and determined. Her death came as a shock to all of her friends and family, who continue to miss her dearly.

CLASS OF 2005: Our 2005 graduates hoped to celebrate their 10th anniversary with a \$2,005 donation to student life on SJC Brooklyn.

CLASS OF 2010: Our newest anniversary class, the graduates of 2010, were attempting to raise \$2,010 for the College.

EDY *into Charity*

Dear Fellow Classmates of St. Joseph's College Class of 1995 (SJC Brooklyn):

I hope you have been well and are thriving in your personal and professional endeavors.

It is truly important for me to reach out to you in celebration of the 20th anniversary since our graduation from St. Joseph's College—SJC Brooklyn—and in remembrance of our beloved friend and fellow classmate, Elsie Thevenin Jones.

Elsie (affectionately called "SieSie" by her closest friends) died on November 28, 2012, at the age of 39. Her bright life, as well as her sudden, senseless and tragic death, has made a profound impact on those that have had the privilege to have known, loved and laughed with her.

Rather than dwell on the circumstances of her passing, I offer my heartfelt words in tribute to her loving spirit, her generous soul and her fierce loyalty to her closest friends and family, as well as her everlasting friendship, while offering a request to you for sharing in celebration of her life through the act of giving in her name.

Some of you may remember Elsie as the quiet, studious friend who was ambitiously focused on attaining her biology degree. She was often working in the biology lab or studying in the far corner of the red rec room. You may remember Elsie as a skilled listener and confidante, intent on easing your concerns or being your advocate as you shared stories. You may remember her boisterous laugh, her beautiful, welcoming smile, her large, soulful eyes, or her soft voice. She was often helping fellow classmates with homework or in review of the day's lessons.

What you may not have known, I graciously share with you:

Elsie was born on January 31, 1973, the second of three children. Her Haitian descent and parochial school upbringing instilled in her culture, generosity, loyalty, strength and courage — all of which Elsie demonstrated throughout her lifetime. She academically excelled in college, earning her B.S. in Biology alongside all of us. She eventually married in her mid-20s, gave birth to her adored son, Nicholas Bernard Jones, and cared for her sister's children, Noah and Maya, as her own. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and scientist who went on to earn a master's in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

She began her 13-year career at the Pfizer Inc.'s flagship manufacturing facility on Flushing Avenue in Brooklyn as a laboratory analyst, putting her laboratory skills honed at St. Joseph's to work. She rose to lead her own foreign matter identification laboratory as staff analyst in Brooklyn, and later as a team lead for Stability Laboratory at Pfizer in Parsippany, New Jersey, a role she held at the time of her death.

If you asked Elsie what she was most grateful for, she would always say her children, her faith and the people in her life who she held dear. She was so humbled and vocalized gratitude for her professional accolades that she worked tirelessly for. Her work ethic was admirable. She had a great fondness for her time at St. Joseph's College, for the giving nature of her professors, and was indebted to the academic and spiritual foundation St. Joseph's College provided. She believed with unwavering conviction that a person's ultimate goal is attainable as long as you commit yourself to it, and that the greatest gifts in life are not purchased; rather, they are acquired through hard work and determination or gifted via the selflessness of others.

I, as giving chairperson for the St. Joseph's College Brooklyn Reunion Class of 1995, ask that you please consider a donation to St. Joseph's in honor of Elsie's determination, good-natured spirit and kindness. The class gift will be designated for beautification of the Brooklyn Campus and a plaque in her memory. The class goal is targeted for \$5,000 to be acquired over the next five years.

As you consider whether you can be a part of this special tribute for Elsie and our alma mater, I end with Elsie's favorite poem by Emily Dickinson, which poignantly embodies her life with us:

"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain:
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain."

Sincerely,
Regina Gueren Lombardi '95

Everything Falls Into Place

Madeline Scotto '36 proves that age is just a number when you love what you do

By Jennifer Joniak '15



Our society has certain expectations of individuals as they age. After putting in many years of hard work, people are supposed to retire and take it easy. This is not the case for Madeline Scotto '36, who volunteers her time in a school preparing students for mental math competitions. As a centenarian who celebrated her 100th birthday last October, she is proof that age has no boundaries.

Studying at St. Joseph's College was Scotto's first step in her journey toward becoming a teacher. "I worked hard and did my best and found teachers who extended themselves to me," she said. "It sounds like it was all work, but we had luncheons at the Bossert Hotel and socials with the boys from St. Francis and proms. My years at St. Joseph's were wonderful."

When Scotto graduated in 1936, the nation was in the midst of the Great Depression. Though she earned her teaching certification, there were no positions available for her to work as a teacher. She then decided to take evening classes in business and bookkeeping. By filling in for her brother's friend at work as a favor, she was able to secure a job handling monetary transactions and bookkeeping duties at a company that made a type of radiator and cover.

"I earned \$12 a week ... and I was treated like a member of the family," Scotto said. "I then married, and when I had my first child, the company would send a car for me, but when I had my second child, I remained home." Scotto is still close with the family to this day.

It wasn't until 1954, at the age of 40, that Scotto had the chance to finally become a teacher. There was a need for educators following a bus accident that involved the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who taught at St. Ephrem's Elementary School in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn. "The pastor asked if anyone could help out," Scotto said. "I went temporarily and was asked to stay on. That was 60 years ago."

In the beginning of her tenure at St. Ephrem's, Scotto was a third-grade teacher. Eventually, she transitioned to teaching math for different grade levels.

About 18 years ago, Scotto officially retired from teaching in the classroom because of hearing loss. However, this was not enough to stop her from teaching altogether. "I went back as a volunteer the following week," Scotto said, "so I felt I never left."

She returned to train advanced students in second through eighth grade for mental math competitions because "that could be done in small groups where hearing was not a problem," Scotto said. "I loved what I did, so I was motivated to keep going at it as long as I had something to offer." Even after all of these years, Scotto still has a passion for math and teaching others. The best part of teaching, she said, is "seeing the expression on a student's face when she struggles with a concept and finally 'gets it.'"

Her advice for students to be successful in the classroom is a good work ethic. "Students must learn to work to their fullest capabilities, to strive for excellence, but not to expect to achieve perfection," she said. To future teachers, she said listening and observing are necessary skills in the classroom. "Students are all different with varied experiences,

interests and temperaments. A good teacher will adapt coursework to tap into those characteristics to really engage students."

Scotto's family celebrates her achievements and dedicated work. According to her daughter Michele, "We are all very proud of our mother's ability, dedication and generosity in devoting her energy and talents to enrich the lives of her students in so many ways."

For someone who has lived 100 years and spent her life serving others, the secret to Scotto's longevity is simple. "I believe if you work hard and do your best with the gifts God has given you, everything falls into place." ■

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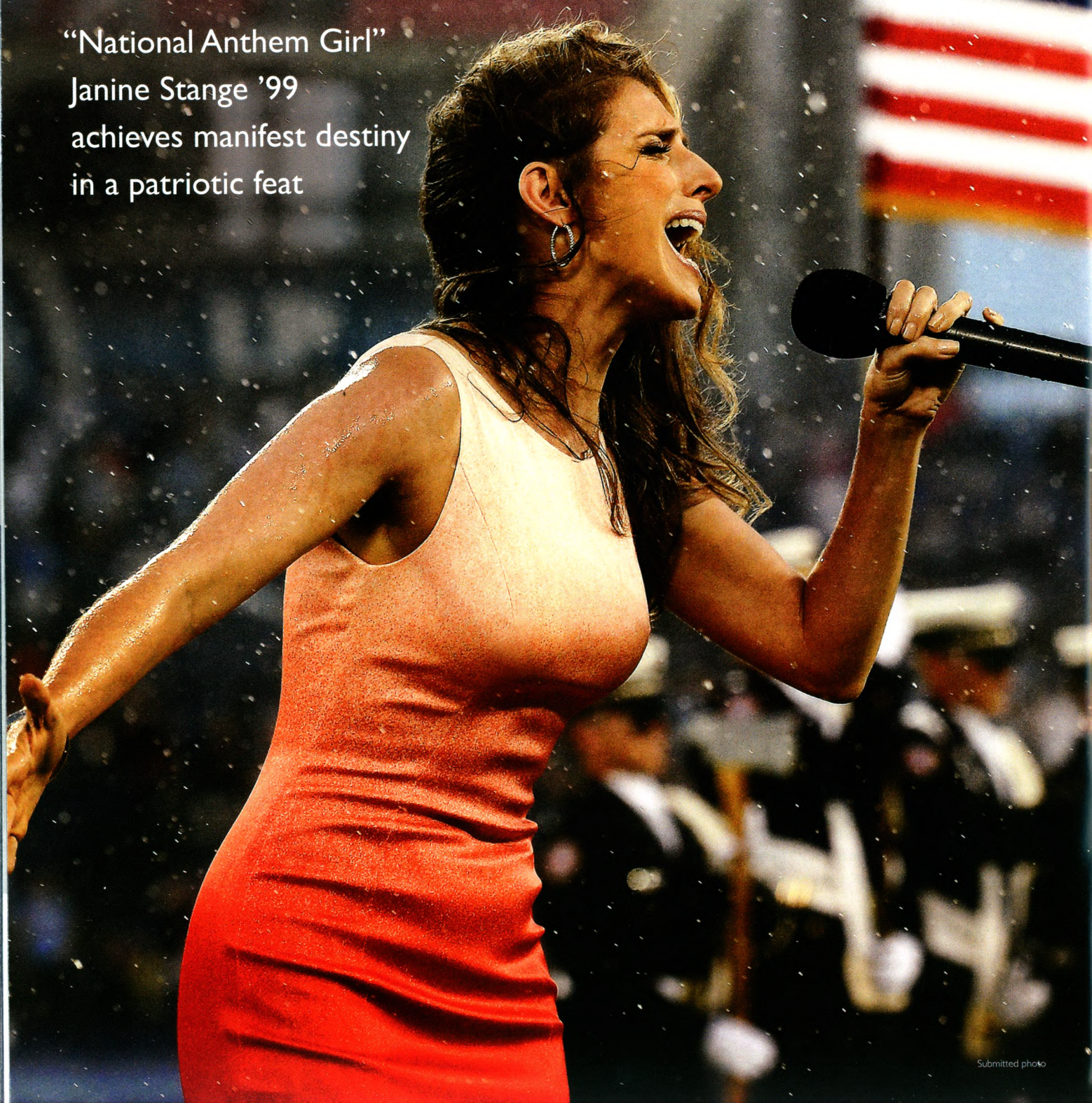
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STAR-SPANGLED SINGER

“National Anthem Girl”

Janine Stange '99

achieves manifest destiny
in a patriotic feat



Submitted photo

Imagine a stadium full of fans prepared to cheer on their team in an exciting game. The energy in the arena is palpable, as people chatter about who could end up victorious. While the ending of the game may be uncertain, the beginning is anything but. In traditional fashion, prior to the start of any sporting event, the national anthem plays.

"Please rise as we honor America with the singing of our national anthem," booms the voice over the loudspeaker.

Enter Janine Stange '99. The crowd rises as she takes the microphone and sings, "O say can you see ..."

Performing the national anthem in numerous venues across the country is what gained Stange national attention. Dubbed "The National Anthem Girl," her desire to spread patriotism and honor America led her on a campaign to give back to those who keep our country safe.

Our national anthem dates back to the 1814 Battle of Baltimore, in which the British attacked Fort McHenry in a firestorm of artillery. Francis Scott Key wrote the poem that would become "The Star-Spangled Banner" after the battle ended, when he saw the U.S. flag waving over the fort on the morning of September 14, 1814.

Last September marked the 200th anniversary of the national anthem. To commemorate this milestone, Stange had made it her personal goal to sing the anthem in all 50 states by that date.

The Islip Terrace, New York, native has been singing the national anthem since high school, and continued to do so as a student at St. Joseph's College, where she performed the anthem at the ceremonial opening of the John A. Danzi Athletic Center in [1997], as well as at numerous basketball games.

She graduated in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in marketing, and has since moved to Los Angeles, California, where she co-owns a boutique printing and design company called Print Girls.

Stange has "always loved singing our national anthem," she said. Unfortunately, in all of those crowds she has faced, she "will notice people not honoring the song: talking, not standing or facing the flag."

These behaviors sparked her to do something to help raise awareness for what and whom that song represents. "It is the only song that for 90 seconds we come together as one, despite our differences," she explains. "There are men and women who have paid a high price, if not the ultimate price, for our freedoms. So I decided to do something."

That something is what gave Stange her nickname, "The National Anthem Girl." In 2012, she decided that

she would spread patriotism throughout the nation by performing the national anthem in each of the 50 states. Stange even founded her own nonprofit organization called National Anthem Girl to help promote her cause.

As she embarked on this patriotic endeavor, Stange said she also noticed "The Star-Spangled Banner" would turn 200 on September 14, 2014, which prompted her to choose that as her deadline. Her campaign rapidly gained national attention, and she was invited to appear on local and national news programs, including the popular morning television show *Fox & Friends*.

During her travels from one state to the next, Stange doesn't just sing the anthem and leave immediately for her next destination. She sets up a table at every venue and sits there after each performance with a stack of blank thank-you cards.

Stange provides the cards for people to fill out as part of Operation Gratitude, a nonprofit organization that sends care packages to U.S. servicemembers, veterans and caregivers.

One of Stange's memorable experiences on the road was when she sang the national anthem in Red Lodge, Montana, on the Fourth of July. While sitting at her table, she met an older gentleman named Billy, who explained what the anthem meant to him. Billy had never served in the armed forces, but when the topic came up, Stange could see emotion overcome him. Billy's brothers and friends had served, and some of them "never got to ride the bus back home."

The wind started picking up as their conversation came to a close, so Billy went off to get a rock to hold down the cards on Stange's table. He returned with a heart-shaped rock and said it was "from Montana, with love."

It's moments like this that keep Stange inspired to continue spreading patriotism throughout our country. She completed her goal on August 28, 2014, at the Minnesota Vikings vs. Tennessee Titans game and was given the opportunity to sing the national anthem on its 200th anniversary — six times!

For one of the six performances, the United States Coast Guard took Stange out to the "Star-Spangled Buoy" in Baltimore Harbor on the Cutter *Ibis*. She sang the anthem in the same spot that Francis Scott Key saw the flag flying after the battle all those years ago.

So what's next for our National Anthem Girl? "My goal is complete, but the mission continues," Stange said. She plans to continue her nonprofit and wants to write a children's book about her journey, all the while continuing to promote patriotism.

If you'd like to keep up with Stange and her mission, visit her website nationalanthemgirl.org, or like her on Facebook at [facebook.com/NationalAnthemGirl](https://www.facebook.com/NationalAnthemGirl). ■



Nancy L. Ford

KNOW THYSELF

As a college administrator, Joan Hinde Stewart '65 carries on St. Joseph's most important ideals

By Ana Maerz

Born and raised in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, Joan Hinde Stewart '65, Ph.D., had rarely been outside the boroughs of New York when she decided, as an undergraduate at St. Joseph's College, to major in French. That decision led her to intensive French immersion programs at Laval University and Middlebury College in the summers, to Europe, and eventually to a Ph.D. program in French at Yale where she wrote her thesis on an 18th-century woman novelist of France.

Since completing her doctorate program in 1970, Stewart has written or co-edited several books on different topics within the feminist French literary sphere. Her works include a study of Colette, a leading lady of letters in France from the late 19th through mid-20th centuries, recognized as much for her unconventional lifestyle as she was for her literary accomplishments.

Stewart's most recent book, *The Enlightenment of Age: Women, Letters, and Growing Old in Eighteenth-Century France* (2010), challenges the assumptions around aging by presenting profiles of four historical French writers.

Over the past four decades, Stewart has remained in higher education, currently serving as the president of Hamilton College, a private liberal arts school in upstate New York. She has previously held faculty and administrative positions at the University of South Carolina, North Carolina State University and Wellesley College, in addition to being the recipient of dozens of fellowships and awards.

Well aware of the financial challenges facing college students and their families, and the imperative of a college education, Dr. Stewart takes pride in the fact that during her tenure Hamilton has become a need-blind institution.

"When we are assessing applications, we don't consider the family's ability to pay our fee," she explains. "We are really looking for students who are deserving and will benefit the most from the education we offer. If we admit a student, we make available the financial aid that the student will need."

Similar to St. Joseph's longstanding commitment to provide an affordable education for all students, Stewart's initiative places Hamilton at the forefront of the effort to make college an option for all qualified high school graduates — perhaps one of the most pressing issues facing America today.

Having always been academically inclined, Dr. Stewart's memories of St. Joseph's College are principally related to her studies of French, and the teachers and mentors who supported her.

"S. John Raymond [McGann] meant a lot to me. Her belief in me and her encouragement in me were very important to my future," she said. Robert Radus was another large influence on Dr. Stewart, coaching in her plays — in both French and English — that were the beginning of her lifelong love of theater.

Almost all of Stewart's stories about St. Joseph's include her best friend, Christine McArdle Reno '65, who now teaches French at Vassar College and with whom she studied, traveled and developed a lifelong friendship, still going strong after almost 50 years.

When asked about the ways in which the College has influenced her career and life, it's clear that the influence goes far beyond the classroom. Perhaps more salient than anything else Stewart learned is the benefit of strong relationships.

"What is clear to me is the importance of great teachers and mentors who really believe in students," she said. "At St. Joseph's I had the benefit of people who supported me, who wanted me to learn."

She continues: "The teachers really embraced the whole person and went out of their way to support students. What enables success in higher education is a great teacher, and believing in someone, and personal attention, and I found all of that at St. Joseph's."

Stewart recently announced that she will retire on June 30, 2016, at which time she will have served 13 years as president of Hamilton College. She plans to devote herself mainly to research and writing. ■

I Was Him

How Kelvin Lazaro '15
became the face of change
for New York's justice system

By Jennifer Joniak '15

Robert Amsler

Sixteen is a milestone age in New York. It's synonymous with learner's permits, driving lessons, car keys and new responsibilities. But for teenagers who get in trouble with the law, it means criminal responsibility and prosecution as an adult. Teenagers who go through the justice system are placed in facilities with adult criminals and often go on to live a life of crime. This is not the case for Kelvin Lazaro '15. He made the conscious decision to learn from his past and use it to brighten the futures of others.

Lazaro had his first encounter with the law when he was 14 years old and living in Bushwick, Brooklyn. He was charged with criminal possession of a firearm, and spent two weeks in a juvenile detention facility in the Bronx. On his 17th birthday, Lazaro went out with some friends, and a street fight broke out between two gangs. He was arrested again, this time with a charge of violent assault and robbery.

This time he was sentenced to time in Rikers Island. As a 17-year-old past the age of criminal responsibility, he was prosecuted as an adult, and in lieu of taking the maximum sentence, pled guilty and agreed to go to an inpatient program at Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson, New York, a nonprofit organization run by the Rev. Francis Pizzarelli, S.M.M. Lazaro credits both him and the organization for giving him a second chance.

After experiencing the horrors of solitary confinement and the strict code among inmates in Rikers Island, Lazaro knew he wanted to change his life so he would not end up incarcerated again. When he was 21, he went back to school and received an associate degree from Suffolk County Community College. He then began his studies at St. Joseph's College as a criminal justice major on the juvenile justice track. Having been in the justice system himself, Lazaro is now using his own experiences to bring about change.

He first became involved in activism through the Herstory Writers Workshop's Hands Across the Community: Youth Writing for Justice program. Herstory was brought to SJC Long Island through the interaction of criminal justice professor Barbara Morrell, Ph.D., with the director of Herstory, Erika Duncan, to raise awareness about isolation confinement in jail. Lazaro expressed interest in getting involved with the organization and attended their writing workshop, which encouraged attendees to write about an emotionally impactful moment in their lives.

"I chose to write about my time when I ended up in lockup in Rikers Island," Lazaro said. The piece he composed,

titled "I Was Him," chronicles his experience one month into his sentence.

"Here, I have no family. All I have is a cell with a bed and a small sink. I've never felt this alone in my life," he wrote. "My days and nights are the same. With no way of telling time, I am stuck in a never-ending cycle."

Lazaro was locked up in a cell for 22 hours every day and was only allowed to leave for meals and a shower. At Rikers Island, the inmates are referred to by numbers, and unspoken rules dictate the goings on.

"When I first came here, no one told me the rules. Everything I did, I did wrong. ... At first I tried asking the COs [correctional officers] about the rules, but they would simply yell at me, and then came the beating from the inmates," he explains. "I broke an important rule — never talk to the COs, and never ask them for anything."

Once Lazaro shared his story, Herstory asked him to join the Raise the Age campaign, an initiative aimed at changing the age of criminal responsibility in New York from 16 to 18. "I had no idea my story would get the attention it did," he said. "Herstory told me about Raise the Age and how my story can put a face to the issue involving juveniles being placed in adult facilities."

Lazaro is also involved with the Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC), which supports legislation that would reduce the number of continuous days a person can stay in solitary confinement, ban

special populations (such as individuals under 21 and over 55, individuals with disabilities, or pregnant women) from isolation and enhance due process protections before a person is placed in solitary confinement. He now shares his story at high schools and various universities, including Stony Brook, Hofstra and Columbia. "I am happy to help in any way I can to change a system that treats children as adults," he said.

Lazaro has gained peer support for his activism. Whenever he goes to speak at an event, he brings along fellow students Jorge Jerome '15, Kyle Stroud '15, Brittany Critelli '14 and Stephanie Bonilla '15. "If I have to speak in the city, they come with me just for moral support so I won't be the only one there," he said. "We represent our school by showing up as a group."

The future looks bright for Lazaro, as he plans to continue advocating for change in the justice system while pursuing a master's degree in social work from either Stony Brook University or John Jay College. ■

"I want to help. I want to go where we can provide real help for juveniles so they don't end up in the system."

STAYING STRONG

Golden Eagles Athletic
Hall-of-Famer and
cancer survivor
Jennifer DeGennaro Iuorio '95
found inspiration
in family



By Brittany Jenkins '14 and Jennifer Joniak '15

Life is full of many unexpected changes. How a person reacts and adapts to the changes says a great deal about her character. Jennifer DeGennaro Iuorio '95 has a job she never envisioned and has overcome a diagnosis she never saw coming, proving that the unexpected can help a person realize her true strengths.

Iuorio studied accounting as a student at St. Joseph's College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1995. The Bohemia, New York, native played for the volleyball team and worked as the assistant coach for two years after graduating. "I loved still being part of the team and watching the girls grow throughout the season," she said. Last fall, Iuorio was inducted into the Golden Eagles Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as a member of the team.

Professionally, Iuorio has been working in the advertising industry for more than 15 years. She is currently the director of finance for the New York office of the global advertising agency Grey.

Like many others, Iuorio didn't know that her career would have shifted in this direction. She had only envisioned herself working in finance, but was lucky enough to become part of a great company.

"I love being part of an industry that's fun and creative," Iuorio said. "It keeps the finance aspect interesting." As the finance director, she is responsible for managing agency finances and client relationships.

Aside from her advertising career, Iuorio has been married for 11 years to her husband, Eddie. They met one night while out with friends and family. They have two children, Anthony, 8; and Michael, 6.

In addition to her role as finance director, wife and mother, Iuorio is also a cancer survivor. At the age of 28, her world was turned upside down when doctors told her about suspicious cancer cells in her thyroid.

Thyroid cancer involves cancerous cells in the tissues of the thyroid gland, which is located at the base of the throat. The thyroid is responsible for creating hormones that assist the body in normal functioning.

Iuorio found out about the suspicious cells on March 5, 2002. "I was at work when my endocrinologist called with the news," she said. "I think I was in shock ... it was surreal at first. But the more I read about thyroid cancer, and the more I talked to my doctor and surgeon, the more confident I was that I was going to be OK. I had to be."

The first step for Iuorio was to have her thyroid removed. "I knew it had to be done, but of course,

I was nervous," she said. The well-differentiated papillary thyroid cancer wasn't confirmed until after the surgery.

After the removal of her thyroid, Iuorio underwent radiation therapy. She was required to stay in isolation for three days, all alone in her apartment.

"When I went in for the therapy, it was scary because the doctor who gave me the radioactive iodine pills came into the room in a full moon suit to protect himself," she said. "I just remember thinking that he was all covered up, and there I was sitting there, just me and the radiation."

After radiation therapy, doctors told Iuorio they were almost positive that there would be no recurrence, and she was declared cancer free.

Finding the strength to beat cancer was not difficult for Iuorio. "My family and friends were definitely both my strength and inspiration," she said. Prior to her own diagnosis, her mother had undergone brain surgery for an acoustic neuroma (a benign tumor located on the eighth cranial nerve).

"I remember thinking she did it and got through it, I have to, too," she said. "I have a family of very strong-willed and determined people. I think that helped in my recovery."

It took Iuorio some time to get used to life without her thyroid. "It was tough at first, trying to get my medication dosage right and adjusting to the changes going on in my body," she said. A year after the surgery she began having children, which took a toll on her body. "It was very difficult to get any of the weight off, and I didn't really have time to devote to being in shape."

Once her sons were a little older, things changed. "Two years ago I committed to a healthy lifestyle and have lost 65 pounds," she said. "I've started running races ... and ran my first half marathon in October."

"I believe the diagnosis has changed my perspective on life," Iuorio said. "I realized how strong I am and that I'm definitely a fighter."

She has undergone whole body scan testing at one, two and five years after entering remission, all returning clear. Iuorio now follows up with her endocrinologist every six to 12 months. "I do visit my doctors more than I'd like, but it's important to stay on top of everything."

Although she recognizes that people handle things differently and that all cancer experiences are different, Iuorio is a firm believer in staying strong and having a positive outlook above everything else. "I hope to live a long, healthy and cancer-free life," she said. ■

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ALUMNICONNECTIONS

Class Notes

Brooklyn

1960s

Christina McCullagh Cronin '65 went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land last fall with her son, Kevin. She came back to the good news that her daughter, Deirdre (Kevin's twin sister), was expecting her first baby in May, which will be Christina's eighth grandchild.

Rose Marie Calicchio Dunphy '65 has released her newest book, *The Scent of Italian Cooking*. It is a cookbook of Italian-American recipes passed down to her from her grandmother, mother and other Italian relatives, as well as some that she created herself. The book is available on Amazon.com.

Marion Starina Wittine '65 has fond memories of St. Joseph's College. Although she has lost contact with her classmates — especially from her chemistry classes — she still remembers them in her prayers. Most of Marion's life was spent in Iowa, but she and her husband, Al, are now wintering in Sequim, Washington, and enjoying great weather.

In retirement from the Smithsonian Institution (SI), **Louise Belvedere Caldi '67, Ph.D.**, volunteers as a "Monuments Woman" with the SI Provenance Research Initiative, working on objects acquired during the Nazi era.

Priscilla Anne O'Connell '67 has retired and is enjoying cruising. In 2014 she went to the southern Caribbean with her family, and traveled to the Panama Canal this past winter. She is the proud grandmother of two boys under 2, whom she and her husband babysit every week.

Annette De Salvo Boyle '68 retired five years ago after serving 33 years as a U.S. Customs Service inspector. She has been living in Bermuda for 35 years with her husband and corgi dog. She is also retired from her 25-year career as a teacher in Bermuda. Annette returns to New York every year to visit her sister and niece. She invites her 1968 classmates to look her up if they ever visit Bermuda.

Joan Kurtze Mitchell '69 teaches at St. John's Academy in Hillsdale, New Jersey, and tries to see her five grandchildren as often as possible, though none live close. Her son Mark teaches at the Naval Academy; if anyone has relatives attending, let her know.



SJC President Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., and his wife, Rose, visit with alumni during a reception at The Bear's Club in Jupiter, Florida, on February 25.



Friends and classmates celebrate the retirement of Alumni Association executive board member **Elena O'Sullivan '81** on October 16. Pictured are **Marie Clavey '81**, **Michael O'Sullivan '82**, **Elena O'Sullivan**, **Tyrel Paul '13**, **Julia Bove '82**, **Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69**, **Bernadette Toomey '82** and **Marianne Ferrara '69**.

1990s

Michael Hughes '99, Esq., was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court at a swearing-in ceremony held on June 16, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Diana Rowe '99 has written a novel, *Born to Die in My Place: A Story of Unconditional Love*. This story will warm your heart and remind you that Christmas is so much more than decorations and extravagance. The deeper meaning of Christmas is worth celebrating, knowing that the greatest gift has been given to you, whether you're rich or poor.

2000s

Robert Pozarycki '02 has been promoted to editor-in-chief at *The Queens Courier* and *The Courier-Sun*.

Jaime Leston Magi '08 married Michael John Magi on Nov. 9 at Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Brooklyn. The Rev. Fred Marano officiated at the afternoon ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Inn at New Hyde Park, New York.

Christina Contessa Farago '09 had a baby boy on July 14, 2014, at 11:59 p.m. His name is William James, and he was 9 pounds, 2 ounces and 21 inches long at birth.

Laura Ferentino '09 is engaged to Mario Belluomo of Great Kills, Staten Island. The couple are planning an August wedding.

Long Island

1970s

Jack Boyd '74 recently retired as the director of quality assurance at the Defense Contract Management Agency Long Island. Jack has founded a consulting firm, Jack G. Boyd & Associates LLC. His firm assists defense contractors throughout Long Island and New York City. In addition to St. Joseph's, he also attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and earned an M.B.A. from Dowling College.

Lucy Monaco Allison '78 celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 17. She is a licensed clinical social worker, and has worked for Catholic Charities Mental Health Clinic in Medford for the last 25 years. She also maintains a private practice in Greenlawn. She is beloved by her many patients and co-workers, who continue to view her as an inspiration.

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Saint Catherine Medal Awarded to Kenneth Roche '03 at 2014 Honors Convocation



Robert Ansler

Kenneth Roche '03, Teri Sandowski '15 and David Robert Moisan '15

St. Joseph's College honored one alumnus and two students for their service to the College at this year's Honors Convocation, held on October 9 at SJC Long Island.

Kenneth Roche '03 received the Saint Catherine Medal, an annual award that honors an individual who represents the high ideals of a Catholic college education. Roche, a resident of Islip, New York, graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from SJC Long Island and earned an M.A. in Mental Health Counseling from Adelphi University's Gordon F. Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies. In addition, Roche is a United States Coast Guard veteran. He currently works as a Suffolk County police officer, and is the director of South Shore Mental Health Counseling Services in East Islip, New York, where he often participates in SJC's Alumni Mentoring Program and Job Shadow Program.

"As a former recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal, I am pleased to honor Kenneth Roche with this year's medal," said Paige Napoli Carbone '02, director of alumni engagement. "Kenneth is an inspiration to both our alumni and students, and has been an incredible asset to the Alumni Association. We are lucky to have someone as talented and dedicated as him."

First awarded in 1956, the Saint Catherine Medal is presented by Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society, on the basis of leadership and service to the college.

Also recognized at the Honors Convocation were seniors **David Robert Moisan '15** and **Teri Sandowski '15**, who each received the Thomas J. Wendt '88 Alumni Scholarship. An alumnus and former employee of the College, Wendt was

dedicated to volunteerism charitable causes. After his passing in 2004, SJC established a memorial scholarship in his name.

"The Thomas J. Wendt Alumni Scholarship is awarded to a continuing student to recognize his or her service to the college and local community, success in the classroom and commitment to the mission of the College," said Bryan Gill '06, M.B.A. '10, director of student activities and co-curricular programs for SJC Long Island.

"We are so excited to present the award this year to two student leaders who demonstrate and continue to live out the College's mission. David and Teri are both committed to giving back to the community around them each day and I am very proud of them and their service to St. Joseph's College."

Moisan, a resident of Northport, New York, is a biology major with minors in chemistry and history. He is a member of the Sustainability Committee, Dean's Service Circle, Chemistry Green Club, Nicaragua Project, Student Leadership Experience and the National Biology Honor Society. In addition, David is a contributing writer for the College's newspaper, and is an active volunteer at Mather Hospital and with the Boys and Girls Club of Suffolk County.

Sandowski, a resident of Selden, New York, is a human services major and student representative on the Department of Human Services Advisory Council. She works to educate adults and youth in the community about child sexual exploitation through the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk (VIBS) and also volunteers for Helping Hands Ministries, Samantha's Little Bit of Heaven Ministries and the Restoration and Revival Center in Patchogue, New York. ■



1980s

Laura Galardi Manahan '82 (above) hooded her son, fellow SJC alumnus **Christopher Manahan '14**, at his commencement in May. She described the event as one of the proudest moments of her life. Christopher graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science.

1990s

Jennifer Piazza Kreuscher '92, a first grade teacher in the North Babylon Union Free School District, has been named the 2014 recipient of the Better Beginnings Award, which is sponsored by the Board of Regents and celebrates the life and

career of Helen Bach Moss, a young New York state educator who passed away in 1988. It recognizes elementary teachers who are skilled at engaging young minds and nurturing relationships with elementary school students.

The Kiwanis Club of Pell City, Alabama, recognized **Lorena Drete Reid '92** as its Teacher of the Month for March. Lorena is an instructional support specialist at Walter M. Kennedy School.

2000s

The Child Care Council of Suffolk Inc. has welcomed **Laura Marques '02** to its board of directors. Laura is a certified public accountant and director at the Fuoco Group LLP.

John Signoretti '00 has joined Goodwill North Central Wisconsin's information technology team as a database engineer. He previously worked at Oshkosh Corp., where he was a senior business analyst.

Kara Parker '02 married **Keith Houghtaling '10** on July 2, 2014.

Bridget DeAngelo Croteau '06 currently holds the title of Mrs. Suffolk County America, and will be competing in the Mrs. New York America pageant in mid-November. She is working with two charities: The Postpartum Resource

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Center of New York and Long Island Golden Retriever Rescue.

John O'Keefe '07, E.M.B.A. '08, was appointed as assistant superintendent for business and operations in the West Hempstead Union Free School District, effective July 17, 2014. He was previously the school business administrator for the Sag Harbor UFSD. O'Keefe also holds an Master of Education and an advanced certificate in school district business leadership from LIU Post.

Michael Giuffrida '08, M.S. '13, was promoted to coordinator of community



SJC Brooklyn graduates enjoyed playing games at The Hill Center on January 31 for the annual Alumni Hoops Night. It was followed by men's and women's basketball games against the University of Valley Forge; the SJC squads won both games.



Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69, Virginia O'Rourke McLoughlin '62, Marianne Traviglia Ferrara '69, Mary Buckley Teatum '70, Marie Elaina Caggiano '14 and Lisa Trinidad enjoy the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17.

planning and services at the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. Michael is a frequent guest speaker at the College, an alumni mentor and an alumni ambassador.

2010s

Ashley Cole Long '10 is in her first year as a kindergarten and first-grade

teacher at Locust School in Garden City. She previously worked as a special education teacher at Grundy Avenue Elementary School in Holbrook.

Carlene Williams '10, M.S.N. '13, is currently assistant nurse manager at Huntington Hospital, and has just become an adjunct faculty member at

Suffolk County Community College. Carlene is an alumni ambassador.

Marissa Lynne Micera '11 married Nicholas Joseph Miceli on August 16 at Infant Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Port Jefferson. She is a teacher at Madison Monroe School 16 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and lives in Westfield, New Jersey.

Margaret Kumpas DeRidder '12 married **Alex DeRidder '13** on March 14.

Brittany Lahti '12 was named Teacher of the Week for the week for Dec. 17 by NBC affiliate WITN in North Carolina. She is a third-grade teacher at J.T. Barber Elementary School in New Bern, North Carolina.

Maria Sanchez '13 welcomed a baby boy in September. Maria is currently the director of human resources and PCMH coordinator at Beacon Health Partners, and is part of the Alumni Ambassador Program. ■

In Memoriam

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Janice Barrow Nelson '58
Catherine Cooke Higgins '60
Rosalie Cinque Ulrich '60
Mary Ann Craig Valgenti '60
Margaret McGlynn '61

Anne Diviney Morrissey '61, C.S.W.
Eugenia Funke O'Brien '62
Margaret Bunstead '65
Geraldine Richardson Heath '66
S. Edna McKeever '66, C.S.J.
S. Anne Brennan '67, C.S.J.
Margaret O'Sullivan Amentas '68
Cecelia Roe Downer '70
Joyce Ann Freddo '75
Frances Kam Oi Wonderly '80
Carolyn Maher '81
Agnes Shearer Harder '83
Barry Gornick '87
Susan Murray Simpson '87
Peter Regan '05
Tanya Williams Lawrence '13

Family and Friends

Vincent Boylan, husband of
Magdalen Crowe Boylan '45
Kathleen Buckley, mother of
Mary Buckley Teatum '70 and
Therese Buckley Murphy '72

John Joseph Butz, son of
Justine Donohue Butz '60 and
nephew of Mary Butz '69
Paul Donnelly, husband of
Marian Kinsley Donnelly '39
Sarah Flaig, mother of
Carol Flaig Callocchio '63
Dorothy Gilman, mother of
Katherine Gilman Granelli '82, and
Claudia Gilman Bonavita '88
William Jesinkey, husband of
Dorothy Dembinski Jesinkey '57
Catherine Parks, mother of
Catherine Parks Conway '66
and Donna Parks '70
Virginia Sheridan, mother of
Alice Sheridan D'Anna '62
Joseph Sullivan, father of
Joan Sullivan Thomas '87
Nicholas Sorrenti, father of
Nicole Baker '08

SJC Partners with Jr. Moxxie Program

By Paige Napoli Carbone '02



Erin Short '15, Kellyann Conway '15 and Stephanie Mraz '15 with Karin Caro of BluChip Marketing

The Moxxie Mentoring Foundation is a business community committed to assisting women in career development through various mentoring programs. One of these programs is Jr. Moxxie, which aims to provide female college students a competitive edge for their entries into the business world. As a mentee in the Jr. Moxxie program, students are given individual mentors and invited to attend business and networking events, field trips and workshops.

Thanks to the generosity of former St. Joseph's College student **Karin Caro**, the founder and president of BluChip Marketing in Smithtown, four SJC students have the opportunity to participate in the Jr. Moxxie program for one school year. **Kellyann Conway '15**, **Nicole Kateridge '15**, **Stephanie Mraz '15** and **Erin Short '15** have each been given a mentor in their career field of interest.

Conway was matched with the president of an award-winning public relations, marketing and advertising firm on Long Island. Mraz was matched with the vice president of a New York State-chartered savings bank, and offered an

internship at Caro's own company, a full-service marketing firm specializing in social media, public relations, e-blasts, SEO and advertising.

Short worked with the assistant marketing manager at a professional employer organization that helps business owners get more out of their time and their budgets by providing comprehensive and customized HR outsourcing solutions. Kateridge learned from a certified financial planner at a company that focuses on employment services, hiring and staffing strategies.

"I have been involved in the Moxxie program for years," Caro said, "and I felt the aspiring students from St. Joseph's College would greatly benefit from the extraordinary opportunity to facilitate personal and professional growth by sharing knowledge that they have learned through years of experience."

All four students benefitted in big ways from the Jr. Moxxie program, and we are honored and proud that they were given this opportunity. ■



Alumni & Family Weekend

September 26-28, 2014 – SJC Long Island



Chris Kearney '01 and his daughter, Alora, feed the goats.



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Deena Huisman '00 and her son enjoy activities at Alumni Weekend.





Andrea Volk '04 with her husband, Bobby, and their son, Bobby, enjoy Alumni Weekend.



Kevin Deutsch '14 and Nicole Sabatello '14 return for Alumni Weekend and bring some little friends.



Alumni Fall Luncheon

October 18, 2014



Joan Reardon Dillon '56, Elizabeth McCann McCarthy '53 and Maureen Dougherty Fraser '53



Luncheon chairs Mary Buckley Teatum '70 and Donna Parks '70



Clare Collins '69, Margaret Tiernan Meehan '69, Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle '61 and Mary McLaughlin Regan '61



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Athletics director Frank P. Carbone with student-athletes Raul Urshela '15, Jaimilynn McGowan '17, Jennifer Mocino '15 and Cassandra Nasta '16.



Top row: Lisa Trinidad, Kadidja Sanogo '18, President Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., Rose Calareso, Kevin Reilly '76 and Barry Gornick '87 (deceased)
bottom row: Clare Bauch '45, S. Mary Florence Burns '46, S. Loretta McGrann and Helen Fennelly Reilly Buckley '42



Members of the Class of 1956



Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin '62, Joan Carey '61 and Carole Rooney Morris '61



Members of the Class of 1969



Kevin Reilly '76, Mary Morry '79 and Michael McGrann '80



The Brooklyn Alumni Association Executive Board; top row: Patricia Sweeney '62, Marie Elaina Caggiano '14, Marianne Traviglia Ferrara '69, Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69, Kevin Reilly '76, Rose Marie Borg '76, Mary Morry '79, Mary Collins Macchiarola '62, Mary Buckley Teatum '70, Frances Minichiello '63; bottom row: Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin '62, Antonia Bartoloma Mohan '69, Elizabeth Williams Auricchio '63 and Joan Reardon Dillon '56.

TRAVEL IN 2016



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Fall 2015

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For a complete listing of events, visit sjcny.edu.

SEPTEMBER

19 A Day at the Races Luncheon
Noon at Belmont Park, Elmont

22 Founder's Day Lecture

**TBD First Impressions (Part 1 of 2):
Cover Letter Workshop**

OCTOBER

3-4 Centennial Kickoff Weekend
at both campuses

24 Make a Difference Day
Alumni Volunteer Events

TBD Open House
11 a.m. at SJC Brooklyn

**TBD First Impressions (Part 2 of 2):
Resume Workshop**

**TBD Chapel Players Dramatic Society
Alumni Night**

NOVEMBER

1 Open House
at SJC Long Island

7 Alumni Memorial Mass and Luncheon
11 a.m. at SJC Brooklyn

18 Law & Order Alumni Career Panel
at SJC Long Island

28 Networking Social
at SJC Long Island

TBD Branding Yourself (Part 1)
Part 2 Networking Brunch to be held in March

TBD Beer Tasting: Donate and Drink

DECEMBER

**5 Home for the Holidays:
Breakfast with Santa**
10 a.m. at SJC Long Island

8 East vs. West Game
at SJC Long Island, time TBD

**11 Home for the Holidays:
Alumni & Family Christmas Party**
6 p.m. at SJC Brooklyn

TBD Interviewing Do's and Don'ts

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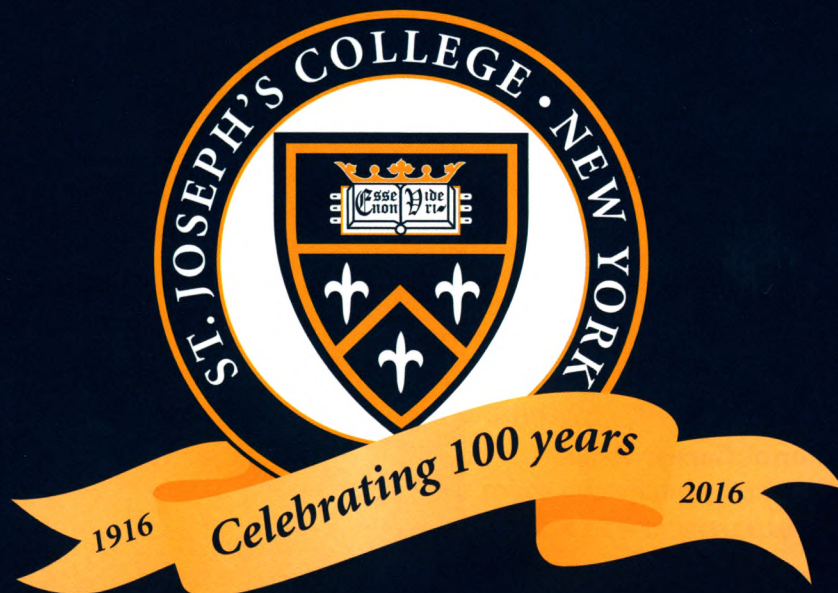
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